



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

**HARTFORD DAY AT THE CAPITOL!**  
**SUPPORTERS OF HARTFORD THANK LAWMAKERS FOR SUPPORT**

**---NEWS RELEASE---**

(April 15, 2008)--- Mayor Eddie A. Perez and advocates for Hartford fanned out at the Legislative Office Building today to thank members of the State Legislature for their previous support of the Capital City and how they hope that support will continue as lawmakers continue to discuss funding issues.

Mayor Perez says, "We're asking the Legislature to fund Payments in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOT. For Hartford, that means 30 new police officers on our streets, 25 new firefighters protecting our city, more summer jobs for our young people, more programs for seniors, and a budget that will maintain our improved city services. By fully funding PILOT we can also provide property tax relief for residents as well as small and large businesses."

Supporters of the Capital City wore "I Love Hartford" buttons as they met with legislators. A sampling of those joining the Mayor today were members of the Hartford Delegation--- Rep. Marie Kirkley-Bey, Rep. Doug McCrory, Rep. Ken Green, Sen. John Fonfara, and Sen. Eric Coleman--- members of City Council--- Council President Cal Torres, Assistant Majority Leader Jim Boucher, and Councilman Matt Ritter--- and Board of Education member Elizabeth Brad Noel.